Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprises:

verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information to operatively couple with said security gateway;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

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transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said

premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for said user are based upon a permission profile created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token authorization information expires at a designated time and date.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprising:

verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information to operatively couple with said security gateway;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said

premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for -said user are based upon a permission profile created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token authorization information expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

said operative coupling of said remote client to said security gateway further comprising:

verifying the identity of said user of said remote client;

transmitting authorization information from said security system server to said remote client and from said security system server to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client including access permissions for said user;

said remote client using said authorization information to operatively couple with said security gateway;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said

premises;

wherein access to said security gateway by said remote client is allowed based upon said access permissions for said user;

wherein said access permissions for said user are based upon a permission profile created by a general administrator of said security gateway; and

wherein said access token authorization information expires after a designated number of access have occurred.

Claims 29-59 (Canceled).

60. (New) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

upon authentication of said user of said remote client, said security system server transmitting, to said remote client, authorization information necessary for said remote client to access a security gateway for said premises;

said remote client transmitting, to said security gateway, said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server;

operatively coupling said remote client to said security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises; and

wherein said remote client cannot access said security gateway: (1) without said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server, or (2) after expiration of said authorization information transmitted to said remote client by said security system server.

- 61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said authorization information expires at a designated time and date.
- 62. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said authorization information expires after a designated length of time has elapsed.
- 63. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said authorization information expires after a designated number of access have occurred.
- 64. (New) The method of claim 60, and further comprising activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring.